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Dairy products: Production, selected products, Oregon and United States

Product and unit	Feb 2007	Jan ¹ 2008	Feb 2008	Change from	
				Feb 2007	Jan 2008
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon					
American cheese Pounds	8,525	10,427	10,227	20	-2
Ice cream, hard Gallons	774	1,119	1,067	38	-5
United States					
Total cheese Pounds	748,496	812,722	784,097	5	-4
American cheese ² Pounds	305,474	333,952	319,250	5	-4
Cheddar cheese Pounds	248,714	262,443	251,224	1	-4
Butter Pounds	134,171	168,799	146,741	9	-13
Nonfat dry milk for human consumption Pounds	98,098	119,102	119,575	22	-
Cottage cheese, cream ³ Pounds	28,326	27,548	26,037	-8	-6
Cottage cheese, lowfat ⁴ Pounds	32,281	32,838	31,747	-2	-3
Ice cream, hard Gallons	65,530	63,166	65,987	1	5
Ice cream, lowfat, total Gallons	28,053	24,680	27,950	-	13
Sherbet, hard Gallons	3,854	4,027	4,184	9	4
Frozen yogurt, total Gallons	4,151	3,577	4,046	-3	13

¹ Revised.

² Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.

³ Fat content 4 percent or more.

⁴ Fat content less than 4 percent.

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Vegetables – April 3 (includes: strawberries, onions, and processing vegetables)

Dairy Products – April 4

Potato Stocks – April 15

Milk Production - April 18

Milk cows and milk production, selected states and United States, March 2007 and 2008

State	Milk cows ¹		Milk per cow ³		Milk production		Change from 2007
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,799	1,846	1,975	1,970	3,553	3,637	2
ID	504	540	1,880	1,900	948	1,026	8
OR	115	114	1,750	1,595	201	182	-10
WA	235	245	2,000	1,990	470	488	4
WI	1,246	1,251	1,640	1,660	2,043	2,077	2
United States ²	8,295	8,436	1,783	1,795	14,787	15,144	2

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Includes 23 States total.

³ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Onion Forecast

Onion acres across the nation are expected to be down this year. This is most likely due to the low onion prices experienced this past season. Great growing conditions, high yields, and minimal yellow virus damage increased onion production last year, which in turn decreased prices. In Malheur County, onion growers expect to plant 9,900 acres of onions this year, down 14 percent from last year and down 15 percent from two years ago. In all other counties, onion growers expect to plant 8,500 acres of onions in 2008, a decrease of seven percent from 2007, but up one percent from 2006. Washington onion growers expect to plant 19,000 acres of onions this year, while California and Idaho growers expect to plant 31,500 acres and 8,600 acres this year respectively. Nationwide, onion growers intend to plant six percent less acres of summer storage onions.

Onions: Area planted by season, state, and United States 2006-2007 and forecasted 2008

State	Area planted			2008/ 2007
	2006	2007	2008	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	Spring ¹			
Arizona	1,000	1,200	1,500	125
California	8,100	7,600	7,600	100
Georgia	14,000	12,500	11,500	92
Texas	17,700	12,500	11,000	88
Total	40,800	33,800	31,600	93
	Summer: non-storage ¹			
California	9,800	9,700	9,000	93
Nevada	2,600	2,800	2,900	104
New Mexico	6,000	6,300	5,500	87
Texas	1,000	1,100	800	73
Washington ²	1,500	1,500	1,900	127
Total	20,900	21,400	20,100	94
	Summer: storage			
California ³	33,100	31,700	31,500	99
Colorado	10,000	9,000	8,500	94
Idaho	9,700	9,300	8,600	92
Michigan	2,700	2,600	2,100	81
New York	14,100	13,000	12,400	95
Oregon				
Malheur	11,700	11,500	9,900	86
Other	8,400	9,100	8,500	93
Washington	20,000	21,000	19,000	90
Wisconsin	2,100	1,900	1,800	95
Other states ⁴	2,280	2,180	1,750	80
Total	114,080	111,280	104,050	94
	All spring and summer			
United States	175,780	166,480	155,750	94

¹ Primarily fresh market.

² Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions.

³ Primarily dehydrated and other processing.

⁴ 2006-2008 - OH and UT.

Oregon processed vegetable intentions down from previous year

Oregon processed vegetable producers intend to plant 57,300 acres of snap beans, sweet corn, and green peas in 2008. This is a decrease of 1,700 acres from 2007. Snap bean acreage at 17,600 showed the largest decrease, down 8 percent from last year's total. Green peas also decreased to 17,500 acres, 3 percent less than in 2007. Sweet corn acreage increased 1 percent from last year to total 22,200 acres. Nationally, acreage for the three crops has decreased 2 percent. Snap beans also showed a large decrease throughout the United States, down to 187,000 acres. Green peas and sweet corn both increased by 1 percent, up to 215,900 and 384,960 acres respectively.

**Processing vegetables: Planted acreage and contract intentions
Oregon, Washington and United States, 2006-2007 and forecasted 2008**

Crop	Area planted				Contract change 2008 / 2007
	2006 total	2007		2008 contract intentions ¹	
		Total	Contract ¹		
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
	Oregon				
Green peas	17,600	18,000	18,000	17,500	97
Snap beans	18,900	19,100	19,100	17,600	92
Sweet corn	26,100	21,900	21,900	22,200	101
	Washington				
Green peas	34,300	38,900	38,900	35,000	90
Sweet corn	80,200	84,500	84,500	81,600	97
	United States				
Green peas	211,700	213,800	213,800	215,900	101
For freezing	125,100	133,000	133,000	135,600	102
For canning	86,600	80,800	80,800	80,300	99
Snap beans	211,920	213,270	208,600	187,000	90
For freezing	69,340	77,170	75,300	66,250	88
For canning	142,580	136,100	133,300	120,750	91
Sweet corn	394,400	380,100	380,100	384,960	101
For freezing	196,800	200,100	200,100	199,500	100
For canning	197,600	180,000	180,000	185,460	103

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

Strawberries

Oregon strawberry acres continue to see a downward trend. Growers intend to harvest 1,800 acres of strawberries in 2008, down 100 acres from 2007 and down 300 acres from 2006. Labor shortages, short crop season, and fierce competition continue to be top concerns for the Oregon strawberry industry. California growers intend to harvest 36,700 acres of strawberries this year, up 1,200 acres from last year, while growers in Florida intend to harvest 8,000 acres of strawberries, down 300 acres from a year ago.

**Strawberries: Area harvested, yield and production ¹
by season, state and total, 2006-2007 and forecasted 2008**

State	Harvested		For harvest 2008	Yield per acre			Production		
	2006	2007		2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
Winter									
Florida	7,300	8,300	8,000	280	320	260	2,044	2,656	2,080
Spring									
California	35,800	35,500	36,700	590	605	600	21,163	21,540	22,020
Oregon ²	2,100	1,900	1,800	110	130	-	230	247	-
Major states total	45,200	45,700	46,500	519	535	-	23,437	24,443	-

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² First production forecast will be published July 10, 2008.

US Potato Stocks Up 8 Percent from April 2007

The 13 major potato States held 130 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2008, up 8 percent from a year ago and 12 percent above April 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage accounted for 33 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from April 1, 2007. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 1.15 million cwt on April 1, 2008, down 18 percent from a year ago. Klamath Basin stocks include potatoes stored in California and Klamath County, Oregon. Potato disappearance, at 270 million cwt, was 1 percent above April 1, 2007 and up 4 percent from 2006. Season-to-date shrink and loss, at 21.6 million cwt, was down 3 percent from the same date in 2007 but up 7 percent from 2006.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2006 and 2007 crops ¹

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2007	Apr 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Apr 1, 2008	Apr 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	18,533	7,600	41	20,238	8,700	43
Idaho	128,915	46,500	36	131,650	51,000	39
Washington	89,900	21,000	23	102,300	29,500	29
California	3,870	800	21	4,223	600	14
Colorado	22,686	9,000	40	20,981	7,500	36
Maine	17,980	7,700	43	16,530	6,200	38
Michigan	14,190	1,800	13	14,700	2,900	20
Minnesota	20,400	6,100	30	20,680	6,400	31
Montana	3,518	2,300	65	3,696	1,900	51
Nebraska	8,730	2,400	27	8,051	2,100	26
New York	5,700	500	9	5,216	300	6
North Dakota	25,480	7,900	31	23,660	6,000	25
Wisconsin	29,370	7,400	25	28,160	7,000	25
13 State Total	389,272	121,000	31	400,085	130,100	33
Klamath Basin ²	-	1,400	-	-	1,150	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

² Estimates began in 2006. Includes potato stocks in California and Klamath County, Oregon.

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